

# ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INVESTIGATIONS EVER MADE

Has Just Been Completed by a Great Body of Scientists, And in His Report Dr. Herbert Snow Says That Microbes Never Caused a Disease.

They Are Scavengers and Help You---But That the Ignorant Are Kept Believing it so That Vaccinations of All Kinds of Serums May Be Sold, As There Are Millions in it---And That Vaccinations of Serum Increase the Death Rate, And in no Way Prevent Diseases.

If That Is so, Who Killed Your Loved One? Read it and it Will Save Your Life. It Is Far More Intelligent to Believe in Witches Than Microbes. This Undoes the Whole Medical Science and Proves it a Fraud Pure and Simple.

## THE GERM THEORY OF DISEASE

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The Germ Theory of Disease, so prominent in medical literature and practice, began with the unsuccessful efforts of the chemist Pasteur to apply to human maladies—which, not being a doctor, he only knew academically—deductions drawn from the phenomena he had observed in fermentation. There has never been anything approaching scientific proof of the casual association of micro-organisms with disease; and in most instances wherein such an association has been pretended, there is abundant evidence emphatically contradicting that view. Yet most unfortunately this lame and defective theory has become the foundation of a very extensive system of quackery. In the prosecution of which millions of capital are embarked, and no expense spared to hoodwink the public with the more credulous members of the Medical Faculty. It may then not be out of place to survey, as judiciously as may be, the position in which the Germ Theory now stands; with the ill-consequences very conspicuously resulting from its premature adoption as a proven axiom of Science. Those ill results are demonstrated and lucidly set forth in categorical detail, by the recently published Minority Report—whereof Dr. George Wilson is author—of the Royal Commission on Vivisection.

The subject naturally falls into two divisions: (a) the Microbe or Germ as asserted to cause febrile and infectious maladies; (b) the same as the supposed source of suppuration in wounds, and of the basis of Lister's exploded "Antiseptic Theory." The former appertains to Medicine, the latter to Surgery.

### Microbes as the Asserted Cause of Fevers, Consumption Diphtheria, Etc.

The majority of symptomatic maladies are unquestionably due to some sanitary defect, as dirt, foul air, polluted water, unwholesome food, deficient light, etc.; and when the fault has been remedied, the disease is prevented or cured. But these are its gross causes. Of the subtler agencies whereby illness is produced, our ignorance is crass indeed.

Hence a natural temptation, whenever a micro-organism is found in connection with a malady, to assume that the latter is directly due to the former, and to overlook necessary links in the chain of scientific proof. The Germ Theory offers such a simple explanation of so much that is profoundly mysterious and obscure that, in spite of every difficulty, belief in it has come to be with the bulk of medical practitioners—and so with the public who place implicit confidence in "Medical Science"—an obsession overwhelming and unapproachable by reason.

The first of these difficulties is the fact that in spite of the most diligent and persevering efforts, no investigator has ever yet been able to detect any causative germ whatever in some of the most familiar and prevalent maladies of this symptomatic class. Vaccine lymph we have always with us, and in forms peculiarly well adapted to the methods of laboratory research. More than twenty years since, the Grocer's Company offered a prize of \$5,000 to the discoverer of its "germ." That prize is still open, and has never been even claimed.

No one has yet discovered any micro-organism in association with Measles, Scarlatina, Small-Pox, Chicken-pox, and Mumps. One has lately been put forward as the source of Whooping-cough, but proof of the statement is wanting; and the same with Pfeiffer's Influenza-bacillus. Pasteur, the Apostle of the Germ Theory, could detect no microbe (in spite of assiduous search) in Hydrophobia; not of course a symptomatic malady. Of Cancer, some 400 distinct micro-organisms have been proclaimed the cause; but no one beyond the discoverer has ever accepted this discovery.

Per contra, a micro-organism has been discovered in more or less frequent association with the lesions of Diphtheria, Tuberculosis, Cholera, Bubonic Plague, Tetanus, Typhoid Fever, Spinal Meningitis, and a few more. In each instance it has been put forward as the cause; and on that assumption a serum or vaccine has been commercially exploited as cure or as preventive of the particular disease in question. Let us briefly inquire into the credentials of some of these germs; and consider how they would satisfy the requirements of genuine Science.

### Koch's Postulates.

But first it may be presumed that germs in general are of extremely numerous varieties, and that morphologically these varieties often bear so close a resemblance to each other, that even a highly-skilled microscopist has the greatest possible difficulty in distinguishing one from another by its appearance under the microscope. Also the micro-organisms found in disease are commonly mixed and blended in almost inextricable confusion. Hence Professor Koch, of Berlin, the discoverer of the Cholera and Consumption bacilli, laid down five postulates with which any germ must comply, before it could be scientifically admitted the "vera causa" of any malady whatever. At the time Koch was practically the head of the Bacteriological world, and his dictum was unhesitatingly accepted by bacteriologists. Apart from expert opinion, it obviously appeals to common sense.

In order that a micro-organism may be scientifically held causal, it must—

1. Always be discoverable in association with the particular disease.
2. Never occur under conditions of health, or in other disease than the one indicated.

3. Be capable of cultivation for many generations outside the body of the host.
4. Always produce the same disease when subsequently inoculated into the body of another animal.
5. Then always be found in this second animal host.

Not a solitary germ yet discovered has succeeded in fulfilling all these conditions. In fact, no single microbe put forward by bacteriologists as the cause of a disease has yet complied with more than one, and—which is a point of particular significance—that one is the third of the above.

In other words every micro-organism yet found in association with disease has utterly failed to fulfill four out of five tests which the leading bacteriologist of his day laid down as absolutely essential before it could be counted a genuine cause, or held in any sense etiological. Witness the following examples:

### The Bacillus of Diphtheria.

The microbe to which Diphtheria has been for the past seventeen years attributed and whose presence in the throat-mucus now constitutes the official and sole acknowledged test for the presence of that malady, was discovered by Messrs. Klebs and Loeffler and is called by their name. They could not detect it in 25 per cent. (one in four) cases of undoubted Diphtheria. See also, Osler's Practice of Medicine, Page 138, where Osler, practically the leader of modern Medicine, admits its frequent absence even in bad cases.

Since its discovery as above the bacillus has also been found in abundance in the throat-mucus of innumerable healthy people; and this by many independent observers. Ritter detected it in 127 perfectly healthy school children. Hewlett and Murray found it in 15 per cent. of children in hospital with various maladies other than Diphtheria (British Medical Journal, June 15, 1901.)

The organism has a very wide distribution. It has been detected microscopically in the contents of vaccine vesicles, in tuberculosis and emphysematous lungs, in mucus from ordinary catarrhal sore-throat, in stomatitis, rhinitis, conjunctivitis, in eczema and other skin eruptions, in gangrene, noma, oozema, etc.

Injected into the body of another animal the Klebs-Loeffler bacillus invariably fails to produce disease in any way resembling human Diphtheria. The horses so treated for the purpose of manufacturing Diphtheria-Antitoxin from their blood-serum, show no symptoms apart from general malaise, of that malady. (See evidence of Professor C. J. Martin, Proc. Royal A-V, Commission, Q. 11397.)

### Tuberculosis.

The Tubercle-bacillus was discovered by Professor Koch in 1881. He endeavored to prove that it is the cause of Tubercular Consumption, but entirely failed to do so; all his conclusions were promptly contradicted by Professor Middendorp and others. Nevertheless, this microbe has since been elevated to the baleful potency of a malignant African fetish. It has caused unhappy consumptives to be shunned like lepers; is now dangerously threatening the milk trade, the agricultural interest, and even the general arrangements of industry at large.

The germ does not make its appearance in the sputum of consumptives until that disease has continued for several months. Dr. H. J. Loomis (Medical Record, July 29th, 1905), gives the average date of its detection at three and one-third months from inception, as fixed by the physical signs. Dr. Muth's extensive experience at the Mendip Sanatorium enables him to affirm that it is not infrequently absent from the expectation of patients with very advanced disease and "extensive mischief in the lungs." (Pulmonary Tuberculosis and Sanatorium Treatment, 1910.)

Professor Middendorp denies that the bacillus exists in any tubercular nodules of recent formation, and prior to the onset of degenerative processes. Spina, Charrin, and Kuskow failed utterly to detect it in Acute Military Tuberculosis, wherein, were the causal theory of Koch genuine, it must needs be specially abundant.

A noteworthy element of fallacy in reference to the value of inferences from experiment with the Tubercle-bacillus upon the lower animals lies in the fact that most of such experiments take place with the guinea pig. In 1888 Dr. Wilson Fox proved that it was easy to produce Tuberculosis in that animal by almost any tissue-irritation, and by inoculation with miscellaneous substances very varied in character. Eleven of thirteen guinea-pigs became tubercular through the subcutaneous injection of pneumonic lung-substance, four out of five by that of putrid pus, others by the insertion into their tissues of silver-wire, cotton thread, and the like. (Lecture Royal College Physicians, May 15th, 1888). Dr. Fox's conclusions were confirmed by Dr. Waldenburg and have never been contradicted. They appear to invalidate the bulk of "scientific" researches including those most elaborate and prolonged investigations by the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis.

### The Microbes of Plague, Cholera, Tetanus, Etc

The Times of January 13th, 1895, quotes a Report to the Plague Commission at Agra, by Mr. Hankin, Bacteriologist for the North-West Provinces. "There was no doubt that cases of Plague occurred among human beings in which no microbes were visible at the time of death. This fact was first proved by the members of the German and Austrian Plague Commission."

The "Comma bacillus" was discovered by Koch, who proclaimed it to be the cause of Asiatic Cholera. Dr. Klein, who was about to proceed to India to investigate the origin of that disease, did not believe in Professor Koch's statement and experimentally drank a wine-glassful of comma bacilli in "pure culture." No effect followed; and Dr. Klein remains alive and well to this day. At Hankin's Pettenskofer and Emmerich swallowed the actual dejects of a cholera patient with result similarly negative.

### Pettenskofer Concluded That "the Specific Virus of Cholera Does Not Arise From the Comma Bacillus, But Is Evolved in the Human Organism."

Tetanus is ascribed to a microbe resident in garden soil, which gains access to wounds. That cannot be true, because such wounds among gardeners and agricultural laborers must be most common; yet they are very rarely attacked. Also, tetanus not seldom occurs without external wound and Dislafoy has recorded thirty-five cases following the injection of highly sterilized serum. In India, Italy, and America, severe outbreaks of Tetanus have followed the use of Diphtheria Anti-toxin.

The bacillus typhosus, the pretended cause of typhoid fever, is found in healthy persons, and according to Major Horrocks, R. A. M. A. (British Medical Journal, May 6, 1911) has no specific character whatever. He finds that it is easily changed into other forms (B. Coll. B. Alcaligenes, etc.) by cultivation. It has never been found in the water, to which many virulent epidemics of typhoid have plausibly been ascribed. Dr. Thresh, the well-known Medical Officer of Health, told the jury in the Malvern Hydro case, that he had accidentally swallowed a wineglassful of the "pure culture" of virulent typhoid bacilli without the smallest ill-consequence.

On experiments involving the like conclusion, Dr. J. W. Hodge remarks: "In medical literature I find a number of recorded instances of the apparently healthy human body having been repeatedly inoculated hypodermically with pure cultures of the active bacillus typhosus, the supposed cause of typhoid fever. These fully virulent cultures have also been injected into the rectum of the human body, and applied to large abraded areas from which the cuticle had been removed. . . . with no other effects than those resulting from the puncture or abrasion." He makes a similar statement about the bacillus of Anthrax; and says that so far as his knowledge extends, all such experiments with other microbes reputed pathogenic have been negative. (American Journal of Neurology, February, 1911.)

These remarks are specially pertinent at the present time because of the recent official order that the whole United States Army is to undergo inoculation with Anti-Typhoid serum, a remedy resting in toto on belief that the B. Typhosus is the source of Enteric fever.

It is admitted that the microbes asserted to generate Spinal Meningitis, Anthrax, Influenza, etc., cannot be detected in all the victims of these disorders by the most careful search. No pathogenic germ has ever been found in the air.

### Mosquitoes and Malaria.

The present position of the favorite official view of a germ as the cause of Malarial fever, and conveyed by the mosquito, may be here glanced at. On the general theory, it may be remarked that Malaria abounds where the insects are entirely, or almost entirely, absent; as in the tropical highlands generally and the elevated regions of Rhodesia (Bantock.) That the fever is at its maximum when there are hardly any mosquitoes about, and at its minimum when these are most numerous. That the malady is apt to follow a chill, after long years of immunity in temperate Europe.

Secondly, we note that although the theory has been current for nearly ten years, wherever it has been acted on, it has totally failed in actual practice. Wherever operations for the destruction of the mosquito (per se) have been carried on, as at Miami Mr. for seven or eight years (Lancet, April 1909), they have proved useless. The malady is as prevalent as ever, in spite of the great labor and sacrifices involved. So far as it is possible to obtain unbiased official testimony, we learn that only the gross measures of sanitation count.

### II.

### Microbes and Suppuration. The Obsolete Antiseptic Theory.

The Antiseptic System of Surgery, to the introduction of which the late Lord Lister owed his extraordinary fame, was based on the theory that certain specific micro-organisms cause suppuration in wounds; and that by destroying them before they could gain access thereto, suppuration was prevented.

Hence the invention of the Carbolic Spray, and all its accompanying cumbersome technique, which in the seventies of last century wearied the heart of the surgeon, and not seldom killed the patient.

It was eventually discovered that no human power could possibly devastate the millions of microbes which gain access to every wound during the briefest operation. Lord Lister had to confess at Liverpool, on September 16th, 1896, that his whole theory was erroneous, and that it was only "the grosser forms of septic mischief" which had to be reckoned with in surgery. The Carbolic Spray, and even the "Antiseptic washing and irrigation," had been authoritatively abandoned by him six years earlier, with an expression of regret for the introduction of the former. "I feel ashamed that I should ever have recommended it (the spray) for the purpose of destroying the microbes in the air."

Antiseptic surgery was then replaced by Aseptic; which being translated simply signifies careful and wholesome cleanliness—that and nothing more. Instead of striving to kill the germs, we severely let them alone, concentrating all our attention upon that cleanliness of patient, of doctors, of nurses, and of dressings, which assuredly in this matter is not merely next to godliness, but is infinitely preferable.

### III.

### The Fallacies of the Bacteriologist and the Tricks of Trade.

But unfortunately both in the medical and surgical departments of the healing art, powerful vested interests had by this time (i. e. 1890, when Lister at the Berlin Congress officially discarded his "Antiseptics") arisen, and, in combination with still more powerful financial forces outside the faculty, were compelled to prop up the decaying Germ Theory by every possible method and at all hazard. Consequently, when Aseptic Surgery displaced Antiseptic, it was officially proclaimed publicly that the former was only the corollary of the latter—which it really negated entirely. Lister was induced to ally himself with the successful new school, and to confer upon its edicts and practical prescriptions the unparalleled lustre of his world-wide reputation. At the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society on June 20th, 1901, the Antiseptic method in surgery was solemnly buried in the presence of its author, but proclamation was also made that the new Aseptic "was the outcome of the Listerian method." The proposition is ingenious; but one might as well describe the locomotive as the outcome of the stage coach.

So much for surgery. But in medicine, still greater forces were indissolubly pledged to the maintenance of the belief in special micro-organisms as the cause of specific diseases. Pasteur has invented Serum-Therapy, beginning with fiftitious cures, whose validity he signally failed to prove, for Rabies and Anthrax. Millions of capital were being invested in commercial enterprises for the manufacture of sera to cure or to prevent human maladies, and sold on the credit of the Germ Theory. Hence it was impossible to suffer public belief in the evil potency of Germs—by this time thoroughly established—to be trampled out by the hard facts of Science.

So nothing was spared that could serve to prevent a perception of the actual truth. The total failure of every one of these nostrums to accomplish its ostensible object was concealed; their frequent dangerous effects disguised, and the statistics of disease manipulated towards the desired end, or often purposely falsified upon a most extensive scale. In the whole wide field of Serum-Therapy so far, not a solitary genuine success has been scored. The fact is categorically demonstrated by Dr. Wilson's Report in the recent Blue Book. For all who can read between the lines it stands admitted to all intents and purposes, by the Majority Report of the Royal Commission on Vivisection (q. v.)—Herbert Snow, M. D., London Cancer Hospital.

This undoes the whole Medical Science and proves it a fraud, pure and simple and that it is not a science at all any more than witch-craft but does far more harm because the percent of deaths are so much greater from the poisons used as remedies. This has given rise to the spread of all drugless sciences and beliefs as they save thousands of lives by teaching people to restrain from taking drugs and serums as their intemperate nature makes them strictly against the teachings of the Bible which has been the basis of all true sciences from the beginning of the world and we have only progressed when we come back to its teachings and it deals with every phase of life from the cradle to the grave, and its temperate, be cleanly, be virtuous. Little Daniel knew this and purposed in his heart he would not defile himself with the King's (highly spiced) meals, nor drink of the King's fermented wines.

And the cleanliness taught, forbids the injection of any poisonous serums into the human body. "For if you come in contact with any one who has any kind of an issue from the flesh, go bathe thyself."—Bible. And is in perfect accord with the conclusions of these great Scientists. That cleanliness is the draining of swamps, to keep their poisons from being inhaled into the system and isolating one's self from contagious persons lest they produce the same disease in you provided the nerve has already been weakened to that part by drugs, stimulants or excesses, so stagnant blood has been allowed to accumulate for the poison to settle in and produce the "virus evolved in the human organism" necessary to produce the disease which these scientists say produces the disease, and not the Bacillus. And without these exhaustive conditions to an organ there is an absence of stagnant blood and that person can take no disease. Hence you will notice the splendid continued health of people who take the osteopathic treatment and their immunity from disease and perfect control in the curing of all diseases. Diphtheria, Scarlet fever, Lung fever, Appendicitis for the stagnant decaying blood, the real cause of all diseases are thrown out by freeing the exhausted nerve to that part, and the cause of the disease removed, the blood reboils the part just as it did when it first made it and result is invariably a cure, unless the patient has let it run so long before the Osteopaths was called that the system was too weak to throw it out, as in last stages of consumption and in cancers. The ability of the Osteopaths to handle all diseases of eyes, ears, nose, throat, lungs, stomach, livers, appendix, kidneys, heart, asthma, rheumatism, spinal meningitis and all female and children's diseases, has been so thoroughly demonstrated by the handling of 8,000 cases here in El Paso with by far the largest percent of cures ever known. That the most skeptical cannot help but be convinced if they will only go there and talk with those that were and are being cured and see for themselves and they will be satisfied that this great association of Scientists were right, and that all diseases originate from within the human organism from the accumulation of stagnant, decaying blood making a receptacle for the poisons from without and that the remedy is all within yourself and is removed by restoring the circulation of the blood so it can carry out these impurities and build up the part again and you are whole. "For in the Blood is the Life of all Flesh."—Bible.